

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-9. (Cancelled)

10-15 (Cancelled).

16. (New) A knife head comprising:

at least one knife head disc for a meat cutter and at least one knife, the knife having at least one means with which the knife can be attached to the at least one knife head disc and an aperture that is offset from the center axis of the knife and is configured to accommodate a pin in the knife head disc, wherein the aperture is an elongated hole that has a scale;

wherein the at least one knife is attached to the knife head disc by eccentric retaining pins in the knife head disc, the eccentric retaining pins being inserted into the holes of the at least one knife, and a correct positioning of the at least one knife being identified by the scale.

17. (New) The knife head according to claim 16 wherein a correct positioning of the eccentric retaining pins is detected with reference to the scale.

18. (New) The knife head according to claim 16 further comprising that the knife head disc is a metallic core that accommodates a drive shaft, the core being enclosed by a plastic casing shrunk onto the core.

19. (New) The knife according to claim 16 wherein a rotated position of the eccentric pins corresponds to a position of the pin in the knife head disc relative to the scale.

20. (New) The knife head according to claim 16 wherein each eccentric pin is rotatable to correspond to a length of a knife tip in order to maintain a constant distance between the knife tip and a cutter key.

21. (New) The knife head according to claim 16, wherein each knife is attached to the knife head disc by a pair of eccentric pins, wherein a position of each knife on the knife head disc is determined by a rotated position of the pair of eccentric pins.

22. (New) The knife head according to claim 21 wherein the rotated position of the pair of eccentric pins is detected by a location of the pin in the elongated hole.

23. (New) The knife head according to claim 21 wherein the rotated position of the pair of eccentric pins can be varied to displace a tip of the knife outwards a distance of approximately 3mm or 6mm from a neutral position.

24. (New) The knife head according to claim 23 wherein the rotated position of the pair of eccentric pins determines a position of the pin in the elongated hole.